

WU TING FANG ORDERED HOME

Edict Is Peremptory and the Minister Leaves at Once.

REGRETS HIS SUDDEN RECALL

HIS SON MAY REMAIN TO FINISH HIS EDUCATION.

WASHINGTON, Oct. 27.—Wu Ting Fang, who has been minister of the Chinese empire to the United States since May 1, 1897, has been recalled to China by an edict of the emperor dated Oct. 25. The edict is peremptory. Mr. Wu is directed to return to China as early as possible, even the route by which he is to make his voyage from the United States is not to be determined.

The edict informs Mr. Wu that he has been appointed minister of commerce in association with Chang Chi Tung. He takes the position just vacated by Shen, whose father died recently. Under a provision of Chinese law, when an official dies by death his father or mother he vacates his office and is not eligible to hold office again for three years, although by custom the period of official mourning is reduced to twenty-seven months. Mr. Wu said today that he might be able to leave the United States in about three weeks, but the precise date of his departure has not been determined.

Mr. Wu also received a cablegram announcing that he had been appointed one of the two members of a commission to investigate the commercial treaty between the United States and China. He will be at the head of this commission and will have associated with him Mr. Shen, who until about a year ago, was the Chinese minister to Germany. As Mr. Wu has been ordered to leave the United States, it is probable that the headquarters of the commission will be in Shanghai, and he will be accompanied to China by Madame Wu and some members of his personal staff. It is also probable that his son, who is a student at the University of California, will be permitted to remain in the United States to finish his education, and he may conclude to leave him in the United States.

For Minister Wu expressed great regret at his sudden recall from this country, although he is not understood to regret the honor done him by his government. He said today that he would like to stay in the United States, but he should carry away with him the pleasant memories of his stay in this country, and he would like to see the United States again.

No advice has been received as to the probable time of the arrival of the minister in China.

FIRES FIGHT PROMISED.

Colon, Oct. 27.—The safe arrival of the Colombian cruiser Bogota at Panama promises a sharp naval battle in isthmian waters very soon. The Colombian cruiser Bogota, on board of which are now the government's hopes are now centered in the career of the Bogota.

Jose Joaquin Cussis is now minister of war at Bogota, owing to the illness of General Fernandez.

Rear Admiral Casey paid a visit to Colon today.

STRIKE OF FRENCH MINERS

Premier Combes Trying to Arrange for Arbitration.

Paris, Oct. 27.—Another meeting between Premier Combes and the national committee of the striking miners was held here today, but no definite results were reached. The committee announced that the committee asked the premier to use his influence to prevent the mine owners from threatening the miners unless the latter returned to work. The committee also expressed satisfaction with the attitude taken by M. Combes in this respect.

The negotiations between the premier and the committee are still in progress.

There was a slight disturbance today at Rochefort between strikers and non-striking miners. The former threw the tools of the non-striking miners into the river; at this point the troops intervened and drove the strikers away, but the latter refused to leave the windows in buildings belonging to dock owners. The troops are in control at Rochefort.

LIMIT TO CAMPAIGN WORK.

Secretary Hay Serves Notice Upon His Subordinates.

Washington, Oct. 27.—Secretary Hay today issued the following notice to the officers and employees of the department of state:

"Officers and employees of this department are prohibited by law from soliciting or receiving from employees money for political campaign purposes. Any officer or employee who contributes money for such purposes if they desire to do so, but not in government buildings, nor directly or indirectly to persons designated in section 14 of the civil service act. They are prohibited from such active participation in campaign work as is incompatible with their official duties. Officers and employees are charged with the collection and disbursement of political funds, but they are free to vote and in a proper way to express their political sentiments and opinions."

COUNTER PROPOSITION MADE

Cuba Not Satisfied With the Proposed Treaty.

Havana, Oct. 27.—The representative here of the Associated Press has learned from official sources that the proposed treaty between the United States and Cuba was returned to Washington by mail last Saturday. With the treaty was sent a counter proposition by the government of Cuba to that of the United States, the nature of which is not known, but it is understood that President Palma, in a letter sent with the treaty, says that the acceptance of the propositions made by the United States would be ruinous to Cuba, as it would result in a large reduction of the customs revenue of the island.

GETS HIS MONEY BACK.

Washington, Oct. 27.—The treasury department today ordered the collector of customs at El Paso, Tex., to refund to General Harrison Gray Otis of Los Angeles, Cal., the duties paid by him on personal effects, consisting of presents for his family, bought by General Otis during his recent trip through Mexico. When General Otis reached El Paso on his return trip customs duties were assessed against articles that he claimed to be exempt from duty under the recent ruling of Secretary Shaw. By the decision of the treasury department today General Otis is sustained.

NEGLECTED TO MAKE PROPER ACCOUNTING

Butte, Mont., Oct. 27.—A special to the Miner from Helena says that Paul Reisinger of Stockett has been defendant in a suit commenced by the United States district attorney, Carl Beach. The government claims that the defendant, while second lieutenant and acting quartermaster in the Tenth United States cavalry in Florida and Alabama, in 1898 and 1899, failed to account for a large amount of supplies, totaling \$763.80 in money. The supplies, it is claimed, aggregate \$182,265.81 in value and consisted of food and other regimental supplies and equipment furnished the regiment between July 1, 1898, and July 1, 1899. A government official stated today that as a matter of fact the government did not expect to recover such an amount as was sued for. It was stated that Mr. Reisinger had turned over to his successor when he retired from the army on account of ill health. The defendant states that he expended the money charged against him for coffee for the regiment between Aug. 1 and Nov. 1, 1898.

IMPORTED SPEAKER HAD SMALL AUDIENCE

(Special to The Herald.)

Evansville, Wis., Oct. 27.—The Republicans of Wisconsin are still importing the Doolittle family into this state in the hope of saving something out of the impending wreck. B. Doolittle of Fort Dodge, Ia., is haranguing about thirty people at the opera house tonight, and the number of those who are present is so small that the Republicans circulated the report about the city that the speaker was Senator Doolittle, whom they thought would be a more successful speaker. The speaker tonight gave a schoolboy at a Friday afternoon. The Republicans of Wisconsin are already in a state of panic. The speaker tonight gave a schoolboy at a Friday afternoon. The Republicans of Wisconsin are already in a state of panic.

INVITATION HAS NOT YET BEEN TENDERED

London, Oct. 27.—The report cabled from the United States that the Prince and Princess of Wales were to visit the St. Louis exposition in 1904, after a prominent place in all the after-noon papers, has been corrected in official circles at the question of the invitation to the prince and princess to visit the exposition.

At York house, the residence of the Prince and Princess of Wales, a representative of the Associated Press was informed that nothing was known of the subject. From inquiries in other quarters, however, the Associated Press learned that while no official invitation had been extended, the matter was being considered by the prince and princess. It is pointed out that the prince and princess are not non-committal, but, of course, await the transmission of an official invitation from the United States government.

OFFICIALS UNEARTH A SMUGGLING SCHEME

El Paso, Tex., Oct. 27.—What appears to be a gigantic smuggling conspiracy for conveying contraband Chinamen from Mexico to California has just come to light here. For the past six months half a dozen United States marshals and secret service men have been working on the case, but the facts only became public today when the officials announced that the Chinamen have been stowed away in boxes of outgoing freight trains and carried as far west as the California line.

For these services the Chinese agent is said to have paid \$100 for each man smuggled to Tucson, and \$150 for each one carried to Yuma. It was reported today that certain trainmen had been discharged for participation in the conspiracy, but this report has not been verified.

FIVE CENTS AN HOUR MORE IS DEMANDED

Chicago, Oct. 27.—W. G. Lee, vice grand master of the Brotherhood of Railway Trainmen, stated today that the demands for higher wages made by the union affect only switchmen employed in the Chicago district.

"There is no excitement connected with this question," said Mr. Lee, "and the union is not making any demands for higher wages for the men who are not switchmen. The wage schedule is now uniform throughout the west and the scale is being written on a larger scale. The settlement of the demand for a new schedule will make similar conditions elsewhere. The increase asked amounts to 5 cents an hour."

SCHWARTZ HAS NO INTEREST

Opinion of Supreme Court in Co-operative Society Case.

Washington, Oct. 27.—Justice McKenna today delivered the opinion of the supreme court in the case of the Co-operative Society. The court held that the property held by the Co-operative Society was not subject to the claims of the creditors of the society. The court also held that the society was not a partnership, and that the members of the society were not liable for the debts of the society.

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FIRE VOMITED FORTH

Hill in Mexico Suddenly Becomes a Volcano—Inhabitants Running About in Terror.

Mexico City, Mex., Oct. 27.—There is no little consternation felt by the inhabitants of many towns in the remote south country on account of showers of ashes falling in the extensive region from San Juan Beatusita, capital of the state of Tabasco, as far north as Salina Cruz. It is believed that a hill near Palenque, where there is a prehistoric city in ruins, has suddenly been transformed into an active volcano. The ashes falling at Palenque have hidden the sun and also at Palenque, and a great fear has come on the people. Palenque is the center of the disturbance, as the burning mountain is said to be near there. There is some anxiety felt for Chiapas.

Indians arriving at San Cristobal Sierra are vomiting fire and smoke. Peddlers in many towns have been running about in terror and offering prayers for the safety of themselves and children. Scientific opinion is that all of this is part of the general awakening of volcanic forces in the West Indies and Central America.

BOER COMMANDERS MOBBED IN LONDON

London, Oct. 27.—The Boer commanders, Kritzinger, Fouché and Joubert, after addressing a meeting at Cambridge today had a narrow escape from the angry crowd of people that had listened to their speeches. Kritzinger was obliged to scale a wall to get away from the mob, and the other two were escorted to their hotel by the police.

MISSING MONUMENTS FOUND

Important Discovery Bearing on Alaskan Boundary.

Seattle, Wash., Oct. 27.—Advices received from the United States stratum Dolphin, which arrived today, that the missing Russian boundary monuments, which have been so energetically searched for by Lieutenant Emmons for the past two seasons, had been discovered by a prospector, named James H. de Bloncourt. He is a native of the Marquette district and the modern vivandier spirit for several years has been in the Yukon region. He has been in the Marquette district and the modern vivandier spirit for several years has been in the Yukon region.

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NOW WANTS BIG MONEY

Long Expected Response of the Colombian Government to Canal Proposition.

Washington, Oct. 27.—The long expected response of the Colombian government to the proposition made by the state department for the negotiation for a canal treaty on the lines of the Spooner act has reached Washington and was presented to the state department today by Mr. Henan, secretary of the Colombian legation. It is difficult to learn the exact nature of this communication, but it is known that it is not altogether an unqualified acceptance of the state department's propositions. It is, however, friendly and dignified in tone and does not close the negotiations by any means, though it unquestionably sets back the date of final agreement by opening up new topics for argument.

For one thing, the Colombian government is not entirely satisfied with the small amount of the payment to be made to it by the United States under the terms of the proposed treaty. The Colombian government now asks the United States to agree to a lump sum payment of \$100,000. Moreover, the original proposal looked to a wait for fourteen years before beginning the payment of annual rent, the amount of which was to be fixed by mutual agreement. The Colombian government now wants to agree to a lump sum payment of \$100,000, which will largely increase the immediate cost of the enterprise.

The Colombian government also insists that it has no constitutional authority to alienate any Colombian territory without the approval of the Colombian congress. The Colombian government also insists that it has no constitutional authority to alienate any Colombian territory without the approval of the Colombian congress.

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